

# The Annual Report

FOR **1913** OF THE

## SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

## RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

OF

## TAUNTON.

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# TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

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## REPORT

OF THE

### Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1913

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Population of District (Census 1911) .. ..	17,834
Population of District (estimated to the middle of 1913) .. .. .. ..	17,886
Area in Statute Acres .. .. .. ..	4,079
Birth-rate per 1,000 of Population .. ..	17·2
Death-rate per 1,000 of Population .. ..	14·8
Zymotic Death-rate .. .. .. ..	0·6
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births .. ..	62·5

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*To the Taunton Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report of the Health of the Taunton Rural District for the year 1913.

#### I. Mortality in 1913.

The total Deaths in the District were 265, or at the rate of 14·8 per 1,000 of the population.

This is the gross Death-rate, all non-residents dying in the District and those residents dying out of the District must be taken into consideration in arriving at the nett Death-rate.

58 non-residents died in Cotford Asylum, and 4 in the Isolation Hospital.

If these are deducted the number of Deaths is reduced to 203.

But 9 residents died in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and 6 in the Union Workhouse, both situated in the Borough of Taunton.

These being added makes the total number 218, or a nett Death-rate of 12·4 per 1,000.

(a) LOCALITIES.

The Deaths occurred in the following Districts :—

1. Pitminster District	..	..	..	..	54
2. North Curry District	..	..	..	..	72
3. Taunton (Without) District	..	..	..	..	21
4. Bishop's Lydeard District	..	..	..	..	50
5. Cotford Asylum	..	..	..	..	62
6. Isolation Hospital	..	..	..	..	6
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	265

(b) SEXES.

Of these 265, 128 were Males and 137 Females.

(c) AGES AT DEATH.

The various ages at which Death occurred, in accordance with the Classification of the Local Government Board, were as follows :

Under 1 year	..	..	..	..	..	20
1 to 2 years	..	..	..	..	..	3
2 to 5 „	..	..	..	..	..	7
5 to 15 „	..	..	..	..	..	5
15 to 25 „	..	..	..	..	..	6
25 to 45 „	..	..	..	..	..	34
45 to 65 „	..	..	..	..	..	65
65 years and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	125
						—
Total	..	..	..	..	..	265

## (d) DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

68 of the 265 Deaths occurred in Public Institutions, as shown below :—

## I. COTFORD ASYLMUM.

Cases from Taunton Rural District	..	..	4
„ Taunton Borough	..	..	6
„ Without both Districts	..	..	52
Total	..	..	62

## 2. ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Cases from Taunton Rural District	..	..	2
„ Taunton Borough	..	..	4
Total	..	..	6

## II. Causes of Death.

## (a) ZYMATIC DISEASES.

Of these Diseases there were only 12 Deaths, 3 from Measles, 3 from Whooping Cough, and 6 from Diphtheria, in the Isolation Hospital, of which 4 were cases from Taunton Borough.

The Zymotic Death-rate is therefore 0·6 per 1,000.

## (b) DEATHS FROM OTHER CAUSES.

The chief causes of other Deaths were as follows :—

Heart Disease	..	..	..	..	..	20
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	13
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	14
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	12
Cancer	..	..	..	..	..	10
Enteritis	..	..	..	..	..	3
Premature Births	..	..	..	..	..	8
Violent Deaths	..	..	..	..	..	6
Suicides	..	..	..	..	..	4
Bright's Disease	..	..	..	..	..	3
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	1
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	2

### III. Births in 1913.

The total number of Births in the District during 1913 were 318, or at the rate of 17·2 per 1,000 of the population.

The numbers in the various Districts were as follows :—

1. Pitminster District	..	..	..	..	64
2. North Curry District	..	..	..	..	136
3. Taunton (Without) District	..	..	..	..	44
4. Bishop's Lydeard District	..	..	..	..	74
					—
Total	..	..	..	..	318

8 of these Births were illegitimate.

### IV. Infantile Mortality.

The Infantile Death-rate for the year, or the number of Infants under one year of age dying per 1,000 Births, is 62·5.

This is below that of the preceding year, which was 79·4 per 1,000 Births.

### V. Sickness during 1913.

#### I. NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

I received 60 Notifications of Infectious Diseases during the year.

They were as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	4 cases
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	12 ,,
Enteric Fever	..	..	..	..	..	7 ,,
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	5 ,,
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	29 ,,
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	1 ,,
Ophthalmia Neanotorium	..	..	..	..	..	2 ,,

Of these 60 cases, 14 were removed to the Isolation Hospital—4 of Scarlet Fever, 9 of Diphtheria, and 1 of Enteric Fever.

The Enteric Fever cases were all in Cotford Asylum.

Those of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were scattered about the District.

As regards the number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified, the largest number were in the North Curry District.

## VI. Sanitary Work during 1913.

Your Inspector (Mr. Gardiner) informs me that he has made 3,672 inspections of houses, premises, &c., during the year.

This necessitated the issuing of 380 Notices for the removal and abatement of Nuisance.

15 only of these were Statutory Notices, the rest being informal.

349 Houses were repaired and limewashed.

18 Drains were tested, and 53 were repaired.

66 Closets were repaired and 28 new ones provided.

37 samples of water were taken for Analysis, and the great majority were found impure.

5 Houses were supplied with good water.

23 offensive accumulations of Manure, &c., were removed, and 4 animals were removed as being improperly kept.

## DISINFECTION.

This has been carried out in all cases of Infectious Diseases.

In cases of Tuberculosis, disinfection is carried out after death or after the removal of the Patient.

As your Council possesses no Steam Disinfector, application was made to the Town Council for the use of their's. This was granted on the payment of 7/6 per time, the Rural Authority undertaking the carriage of the bedding, &c., to and from the Disinfector.

## VII. Water Supply.

The supply to North Curry has not yet been carried out, but correspondence between the Local Government Board and your Council has taken place.

The difficulty of a supply to some houses at Bickenhall has been satisfactorily overcome, without in any way taxing the rate-payers.

The supply at Bishop's Lydeard has a tendency to run short, and greater economy is needed with use in the future than there has been in the past.

The Stoke St. Gregory and Hatch Beauchamp supplies continue to be satisfactory.

## VIII. Housing, &c., Act, 1909.

I have with your Inspector continued my Inspection of the District under this Act.

The total number of Houses inspected was 534.

The number found to be unfit for human habitation was 62.

The number defective, but the defects of which were not sufficient to report as unfit for human habitation, was 348, and 124 had no recorded sanitary defects.

As in the previous year, your Council determined to proceed under the Public Health Act, 1875, before issuing Closing Orders.

62 Houses were so reported, but no Closing Orders were made.

43 were made fit for habitation without such orders.

8 Houses were voluntarily demolished, and 8 were closed at the end of the year, and 3 Houses are still on hand.

There were 10 cases of overcrowding during the year.

### LICENSED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

The number of these remains the same—34.

They are periodically inspected and are in a satisfactory condition.

### LICENSED COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

These have slightly increased in number. There are 138 this year as against 130 in the preceding one.

There is some improvement to be noted in the condition of some of them. New floors and drainage have been satisfactorily carried out in 8 cases.

There is, however, much still to be done.

### BAKEHOUSES.

There is one more than in 1912, the number now being 24.

They are regularly visited and inspected and kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

There is no underground Bakehouse.

### FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES, AND HOME-WORK.

The number inspected during the year was as follows :—

4 Factories, 62 Workshops, and 10 Workplaces.

Only one sanitary defect was found, and that was remedied.

There were 232 Outworkers, and in 5 instances the premises were unwholesome, which necessitated notices being served.

No prosecution, however, was required, as the nuisances were abated.

24 Bakehouses, 39 Workshops, and 4 Workplaces make the total of 67 Registered Workshops.

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As this will be my last Annual Report as your Medical Officer, I cannot help looking back at the state of the District in 1873 and comparing it with its condition in 1913.

The hovels used as dwellings, the foul water supply, the filthy middens and cesspits, and the amount of overcrowding, could hardly be credited in these days.

A great improvement has taken place during this period, but still a great deal remains to be accomplished.

The people themselves are becoming aware of what is required to render their homes more healthy, and I have been quite astonished in going through the District during the last 4 or 5 years to see the number of open windows. In fact, some of the poorer cottagers in this respect set a good example to some of their well-to-do neighbours.

For the sake of the children who are to form the coming generation, it is however to be hoped that sanitation will still proceed, and that better homes will be their lot.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., Lond.,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

**TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.**

## Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1913 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.	
		Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Of Non-residents registered in the District.	Of Residents not registered in the District.	Under One Year of Age.	
								9	10
1908	17,251	322	18·6	272	15·8	11	30	20	62·0
1909	17,210	329	19·1	262	15·2	82	25	21	63·0
1910	17,169	345	20·0	246	14·3	63	11	16	46·3
1911	17,834	318	17·8	287	15·0	85	13	14	44·0
1912	17,860	277	15·5	260	14·5	68	16	22	79·4
1913	17,886	318	17·2	265	14·8	62	15	20	62·5

Area of District in acres  
(exclusive of area  
covered by water) ... 71,720

Total population at all ages ... ...  
 Number of inhabited houses ... ...  
 Average Number of Persons per house

At Census of 1911



**TABLE II. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.**

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1913.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all Ages.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.						TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.	
		At Ages—Years.			65 and upwards			Taunton (Without)			Lydeard Bishop's				
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	2	3	4	2	3	4		
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(H)	
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	and Rural Councils.	
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(W) The Workhouse is in the Taunton Urban District.	
Diphtheria, including Mem-branous croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Total available Beds, 36.	
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated, 4.	
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	3	2	...	2	...	3		
Typhus fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2		
Enteric fever	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...		
Relapsing fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Continued fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Puerperal fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	7	8	...	...	...	...		
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	29	...	1	5	7	8	7	1	5	14		
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	8	2	
Ophthalmia Neanotorium	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...		
 Totals	...	...	60	3	3	15	12	17	9	1	9	17	15	19	
														...	

(H) Taunton Isolation Hospital, situated in Cheddon Road, in the District of Taunton (Without), provided by Taunton Urban

and Rural Councils.

(W) The Workhouse is in the Taunton Urban District.



**TABLE III.**  
**TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**Causes of and Ages at Death during 1913.**

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.										DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.
	All Ages.	Under 1	1 & under 2	2 & under 5	5 & under 15	15 & under 25	25 & under 45	45 & under 65	65 & upwards		
Certified ... ...	218	20	1	6	1	7	30	54	99	68	
Uncertified ... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Small-pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Measles ...	3	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Scarlet fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Whooping-cough ...	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Diphtheria and Croup ...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	
Influenza ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	
Erysipelas ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis) ...	12	...	...	...	2	4	5	1	8		
Tuberculous Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other tuberculous diseases	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Cancer, malignant disease	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	1	
Rheumatic Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Organic Heart Disease ...	20	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	6	2	
Bronchitis ...	14	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	3	
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	13	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	8	15	
Other diseases of respiratory organs ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	
Diarrhoea and Enteritis ...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cirrhosis of liver ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Alcoholism ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nephritis and Bright's Disease ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	
Puerperal fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other accidents & diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth ...	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide ...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	1	...	
Suicide ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	
Other Defined Diseases ...	111	8	...	1	...	3	16	21	62	24	
Diseases ill-defined or Unknown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	218	20	1	6	1	7	30	54	99	68	



TABLE IV.

## TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1913.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Certified	...	12	...	1	...	13	2	3	1	1	20
Uncertified	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken-pox	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Convulsions	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Gastritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rickets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suffocation, overlying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Injury at birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Congenital Malformations	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Premature birth	...	7	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	7
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other causes	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
		12	...	1	...	13	2	3	1	1	20

Nett Births in the Year—Legitimate, 310; Illegitimate, 8.



# ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH

*For the Year 1913,*

FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF TAUNTON,  
*on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901,*  
*in connection with*

## Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces & Homework.

### 1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
FACTORIES ... ... ... ...	4	...	...
( Including Factory Laundries.)			
WORKSHOPS ... ... ... ...	62	... -	...
( Including Workshop Laundries.)			
WORKPLACES ... ... ... ...	10	...	...
( Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report.)			
Total ... ... ...	76	...	...

### 2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:</i>				
Want of cleanliness ... ...	4	4	...	...
Want of ventilation ... ...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ...	...	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ...	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances ... ...	1	1	...	...
Sanitary accommodation	insufficient ...	...	...	...
	unsuitable or defective ...	...	...	...
	not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...	...	...	...	...
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100). ...	...	...	...	...
Other offences ... ...	...	...	...	...
(Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report.)				
Total ... ..	5	5	...	...



# TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DICTIONARY.

## 3.—HOMEWORK.

NATURE OF WORK.	OUTWORKERS' LISTS, SECTION 107.				OUTWORK IN UN- WHOLESOME PREMISES, SECTION 108.				OUTWORK IN IN- FECTED PREMISES, SECTIONS 109, 110.				
	Lists received from Employers.				Prosecutions.				Prosecutions.				
	Twice in the Year.		Once in the Year.		Outworkers.		Outworkers.		Fail- ing to keep or per- mit in- spec- tion of Lists.		Fail- ing to keep or per- mit in- spec- tion of Lists.		
	(2)	(3)		(4)	Lists.	Con- tractors	Work- men.	(5)	(6)	Con- tractors	Work- men.	(7)	(8)
Wearing }	12	...	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Appare } (1) Making, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Household Linen ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Curtains and Furniture Hangings ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and Upholstery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Electro Plate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
File making ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brass and Brass Articles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fur pulling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cables and Chains ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anchors and Grapnels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cart Gear ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locks, Latches and Keys ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Umbrellas, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Artificial flowers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nets, other than wire nets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tents ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacks ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Racquet and Tennis Balls ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paper Bags and Boxes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brush making ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pea picking ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Feather sorting ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stuffed Toys ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basket making ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chocolates and Sweetmeats ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	232	...	...	...	5	5



# TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

## 4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year.	Number. (2)
(1)	
Bakehouses ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	24
Workshops ... ... ... ... ... ... ...	39
Work-places... ... ... ... ... ... ...	4
Total number of workshops on Register ... ...	67

Important classes of workshops,  
such as workshop bakehouses,  
may be enumerated here.

## 5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class. (1)	Number. (2)
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133) ... ... ... ...	...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5, 1901)	Notified by H.M. Inspector ... Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector ...
Other ... ... ... ...	...
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) ...	...
Certificates granted during the year ...	...
In use at the end of the year ...	...

February 10th, 1914.

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., LOND.,

*Medical Officer of Health.*



# TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

*Inspector of Nuisances' Report of the Sanitary Work completed  
in the Year 1913 (E. H. Gardiner).*

	Number of Complaints to Sanitary Officer ...	...	...	15
	Inspections, Re-inspections, House to House, Premises, &c. ...	3,672		
	Notices issued for Sanitary Amendments of Houses, &c., Statutory ...	...	...	36
Results of Inspection.	Ditto	Informal. Verbal, &c.	...	344
	Houses Repaired, Limewashed, &c. ...	...	...	349
	Drains Tested with Smoke Test	...	...	18
	Houses Disinfected after Infection	...	...	42
Drains (House)	Drains Repaired, Cleansed, Trapped, &c.	...	...	53
Privies and Closets.	Repaired ...	...	...	66
	New Provided	...	...	28
Water Supply.	Samples of Water taken	...	..	37
	Houses Supplied with Water	...	...	5
Miscellaneous.	Removal of Offensive Accumulations	...	...	23
	Animals Removed, being improperly kept	...	...	4
Regularly Inspected	Bakehouses ...	...	...	24
	Licensed Cowsheds, Dairies, &c.	...	...	138
	Licensed Slaughter-Houses	...	...	34
	Overcrowding	...	...	10
	Houses unfit for Habitation	...	...	62
	Houses Voluntarily Closed	...	...	8
	Houses Demolished	...	...	8
	Houses made Fit	...	...	43
	Houses still on hand	...	...	3

REMARKS.—New Floors and Drainage to 8 Cowsheds have been satisfactorily carried out during the year.



# TAUNTON ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

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## The Annual Report FOR THE YEAR 1913,

BY

Dr. A. HARRISON THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B.

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### Committee :

ALDERMAN W. F. WHITTINGHAM, *Chairman.*

MR. F. S. ARNOLD	ALDERMAN A. J. SPILLER
MR. R. BRUFORD	MR. J. SUMMERHAYES
THE MAYOR (COUN. G. HINTON)	MR. J. E. BEEL
MR. JOHN KIDNER	MR. W. J. VILLAR

Clerk to the Committee : MR. W. F. B. DAWE.

Medical Superintendent : DR. A. HARRISON THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B.

Matron : MISS A. ROBERTS.



# TAUNTON ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

*For the Year 1913.*

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TAUNTON,

*January, 1914.*

*To the Committee.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1913.

### CASES ADMITTED.

		Urban.	Rural.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	.. ..	31	5	36
Diphtheria	.. ..	59	6	65
Typhoid Fever	.. ..	—	1	1
		—	—	—
Total	.. ..	90	12	102

These 102 admissions consisted of :—

Males	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	46
Females	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	56
					—
Total					102

Their ages were :—

Under 1 year ..	..	..	..	..	..	0
1 to 5 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	25
6 to 15 ..	..	..	..	..	..	56
16 to 25 ..	..	..	..	..	..	17
26 to 35 ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
36 to 50 ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Over 50 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
						—
			Total ..	..	..	102

They were distributed over the various months as follows :—

January ..	..	..	..	..	..	7
February ..	..	..	..	..	..	4
March ..	..	..	..	..	..	9
April ..	..	..	..	..	..	8
May ..	..	..	..	..	..	3
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
July ..	..	..	..	..	..	13
August ..	..	..	..	..	..	4
September ..	..	..	..	..	..	7
October ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
November ..	..	..	..	..	..	30
December ..	..	..	..	..	..	7
			Total ..	..	..	102

The 12 Rural Cases came from the following places :—

West Monkton ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bishop's Hull ..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cotford ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Combe Florey ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cothelstone ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Seven Ash ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Galmington ..	..	..	..	..	..	1
			Total ..	..	..	12

#### DEATHS.

From Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	6
			Total ..	..	..	6

## NATURE OF THE CASES.

The outbreak of Diphtheria, which commenced last year, has continued throughout the present one, and whilst there was a large proportion of severe cases, accounting for the whole of the deaths, six in number, there were also admitted a number of patients who either were not affected with Diphtheria at all, or in whom it was so slight as to be hardly recognised as that disease, the clinical symptoms being so slight. These cases were eight in number, and after being detained until recovery, were able to be discharged as soon as a certificate of freedom from the Diphtheria Bacillus was obtained from the County Bacteriologist. Among those admitted as affected with Scarlet Fever, three of them proved to be free from that disease and were not detained more than a few days. The single case of Typhoid Fever was a remarkable example of an anomalous form of that disease, as none of the ordinary symptoms were present, the circulatory organs and the blood being alone affected.

## THE STAFF.

There has been no change except the resignation of Miss Bartlett, who has been Matron for some years, and the appointment of Miss A. Roberts in her stead. I am pleased to report that the work of the Hospital on the part of the nursing staff and servants has been performed satisfactorily during the year.

## CONDITION OF THE HOSPITAL.

Renovations and repairs have been done in the wards as required, and the stock kept in good condition.

Appended is a Table showing the number of cases admitted annually since the opening of the Hospital.

Your obedient Servant,

A. HARRISON THOMAS, M.B., B.Sc.,

*Medical Superintendent.*

Number of cases admitted since the opening of the Hospital:—

From July,	1879,	to September,	1880	..	42
From October,	1880	„	1881	..	19
„	1881	„	1882	..	76
„	1882	„	1883	..	64
„	1883	„	1884	..	127
„	1884	„	1885	..	205
„	1885	„	1886	..	60
„	1886	„	1887	..	93
„	1887	„	1888	..	66
„	1888	„	1889	..	25
„	1889	„	1890	..	79
„	1890	„	1891	..	70
„	1891 to December,	1892		..	44
In the year			1893	..	182
„	1894			..	176
„	1895			..	69
„	1896			..	65
„	1897			..	78
„	1898			..	41
„	1899			..	54
„	1900			..	66
„	1901			..	40
„	1902			..	144
„	1903			..	87
„	1904			..	291
„	1905			..	109
„	1906			..	74
„	1907			..	51
„	1908			..	73
„	1909			..	55
„	1910			..	76
„	1911			..	76
„	1912			..	87
„	1913			..	102
Total			..	2,966	<hr/>